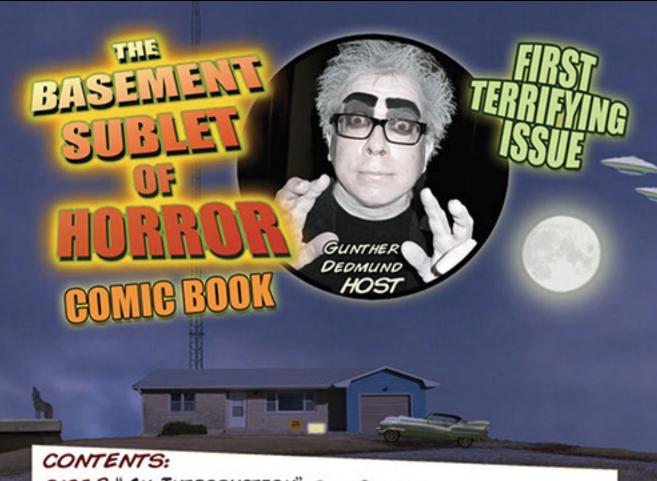
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An Introduction by Scott Phillips

When I was growing up in Wichita, Kansas in the '60s and '70s there was a show on the local NBC affilliate called "Major Astro," a kid's show featuring a jolly astronaut who showed cartoons from the control room of his rocket and his space station and then, after Apollo 11 landed in 1969, from his block house on the moon (through whose window could be seen a lunar landscape of craters and mountains beneath a cloudy blue sky).



The Major was the alter ego of a local TV personality, actor and writer named Tom Leahy, and in the grand tradition of low-budget local television the station pretty much let Leahy do as he pleased when the brass decided to run a series of horror movies late Friday nights.

The show quickly became a must-watch for the local kiddies, slightly older ones than the Major's target audience (though I was only six when I first started sneaking into the living room at midnight to watch it). Every Friday a cadaverous-looking ghoul known only as The Host welcomed us into his dank, rotting castle,

with a voice that landed somewhere on the spectrum between Boris Karloff and Franklin Pangborn. Soon, the truth was whispered by the sort of kids who give you your first terrifying misinformation about where babies really come from: MAJOR ASTRO WAS THE HOST OF "NIGHTMARE!"

He had a hunchbacked assistant named Rodney, who looked like an unholy hybrid of Goya's "Saturn Devouring his Children" and Animal from the Muppets. They showed movies that ranged from the Universal Horror Cycle classics of the 1930s and '40s to, on at least one occasion, an old episode of "The Outer Limits" retitled "The Human Corpse."

Before the start of the movie, before and after commercial breaks, and after the movie ended, the Host and Rodney and the occasional guest star would perform a playlet. One I recall particularly vividly involved a tax collector showing up at the castle and then disappearing by the end of the episode, presumably at the hands of mute, slobbering Rodney. Two or three Fridays later, another tax collector

came looking for him, and the Host and Rodney shared delighted glances with the viewer, who of course knew that this week's guest was going to meet the same ghastly (if unspecified) fate as his colleague.



There were similar shows, I know, all over the country, in markets large and small. It's hard to imagine anyone watching such a program and not understanding that it was theater, but somewhere in America (no one seems able to pin down the exact location) a ghoulish lad named Gunther Dedmund watched his local horror host and thought, for the first time, maybe I should show movies on the TV. Maybe Mortuary Sciences isn't written in the stars or the genes of the Dedmunds.

And thus was television history made. Once he was made to understand that the castles and dungeons of other horror hosts were mere papier-maché and tempera paint, he set about looking for an actual dungeon, but when these activities attracted too much unwelcome attention from the authorities, Gunther hit upon an idea. No place was more frightening to him than his own subterranean home. And thus was born the Basement Sublet of Horror.

Several hundred, or perhaps thousands of episodes later, and with at least one landlord having disappeared under mysterious circumstances, the BSOH is a Basic Cable institution. And who doesn't want to be institutionalized?















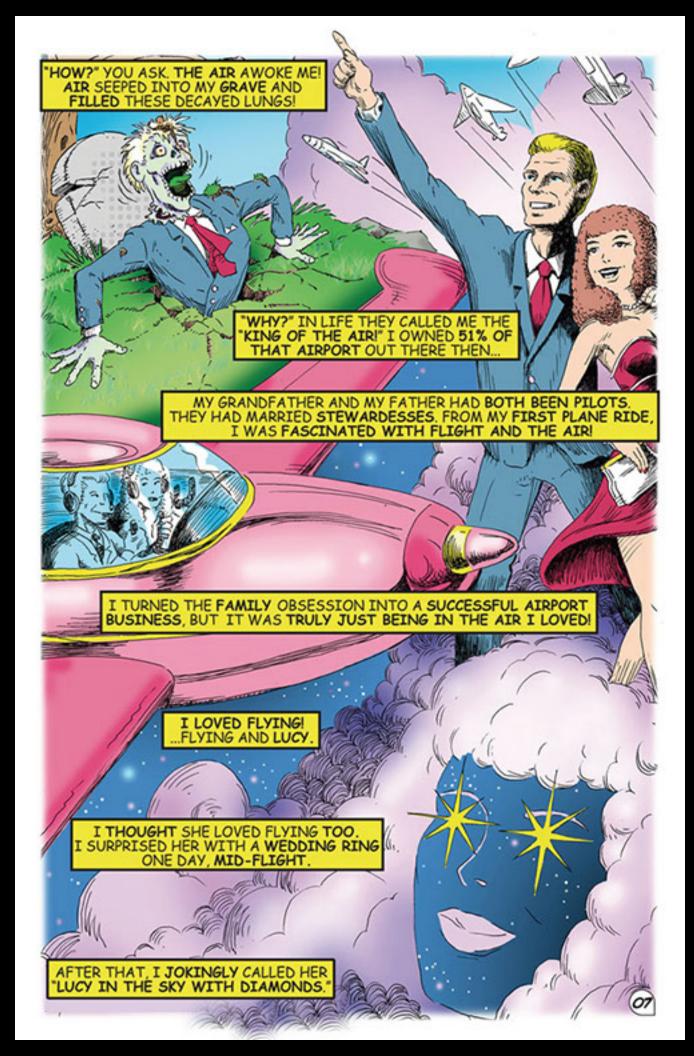












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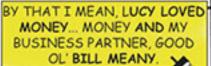
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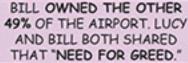
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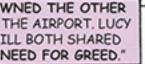
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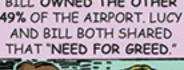
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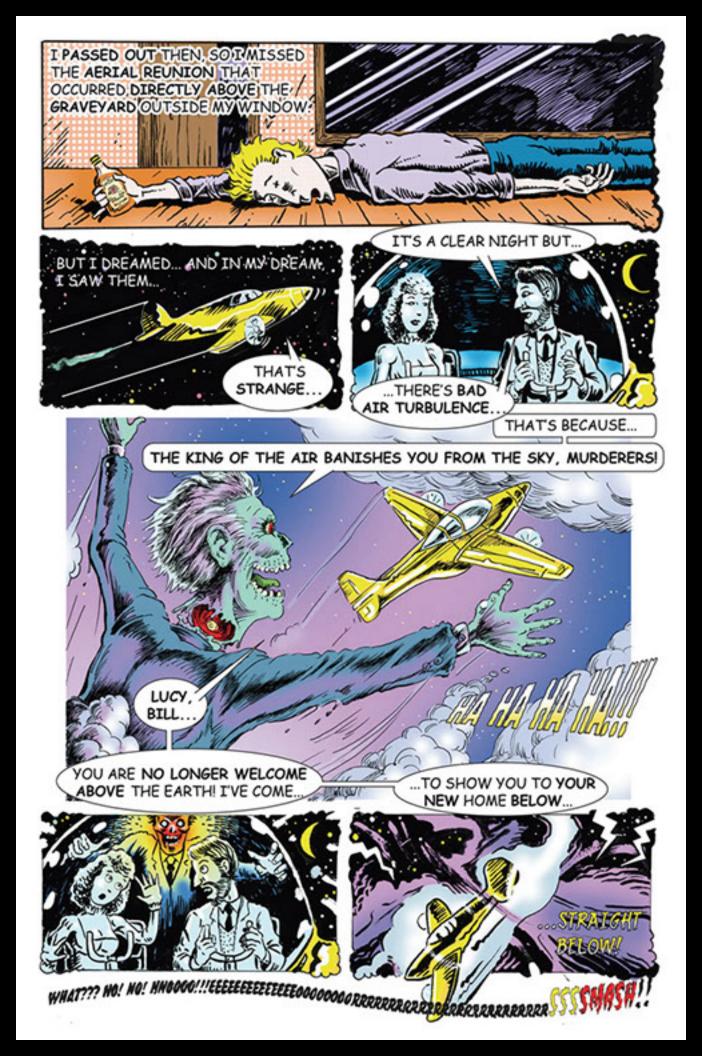
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AS A FUNNEL OF AIR
PULLED HIM OUT...UP...







MY DREAM CONTINUED IN A WHIRL, A RUSH OF WIND SENT MY MIND SPINNING, FALLING, SCREAMING...YET SOMEHOW IT GAVE ME PERSPECTIVE: SURE, MY WIFE HAD LEFT ME, BUT, WELL, AT LEAST I WAS STILL AMONG THE LIVING; NOT DEAD!











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BASEMENT SUBLET OF HORROR: Nine Questions with Gunther Dedmund!

by Dave Fuentes, from The Terror From Beyond The Daves blog

Horror hosts come from all walks of life and from all corners of the United States (and beyond). America's heartland is no exception and it is here, tucked down in his basement, where Gunther Dedmund lurks. Gunther has been entertaining folks in his native Kansas for ten years now and, if you've never heard of him, consider this an introduction of sorts. The Daves met Gunther at Horrorhound Weekend Indianapolis last March (2011). The quiet and assuming host would later prove



Gunther at Horrorhound Weekend Indianapolis last March (2011). The quiet and assuming host would later prove to be quite versatile – even creating a host group photo of those present at the event in lieu of one not actually being taken. He honored us by giving our site the honor of distributing the photo and even further by including The Daves in his special Horror Host collector card set!

As you'll soon see, photography and technical skills are his forte." While busy working behind the scenes in the creation of Horrorhound's G.O.T.H.I.C. (Gathering of Television Horror Hosts Internet Cinema), Gunther took some time out and allowed us to interview him.

DAVE: Tell us a little bit about your background and what lead you to become a Horror Host?

GUNTHER: When I was in grade school, my father brought home an 8mm projector and a single cartoon reel, from that moment I was hooked on films as well as projectors. My entire life has been spent either watching films, collecting 16mm films, re-editing old films into my own creations and also becoming a professionally trained projectionist.

Since I grew up with horror hosts I always hoped to be able to become one. The name for my character Gunther Dedmund, came from a dream I had in 1983. In the dream I was watching a television show where the host was in a hovering desk mounted in a kind of flying saucer, the show was called "Gunther Dedmund's Floating Space ship". The original concept I had was pretty involved and my plan was to show all types of movies, but due to an extreme lack of funds I decided to focus on one type of movies, horror films. After twenty years of collecting and editing films, my basement had become a ready-made set for a movie show. In 2005, Gunther Dedmund was dusted off.

DAVE: Did you grow up watching any Horror Hosts and who would you site as your influences?

GUNTHER: My first exposure to horror hosting was from the local Wichita based horror host show "The Host and Rodney: Nightmare", this show started in the late 50's and continued on into the 70's. I didn't begin watching until the late 60's when I was a kid, but it was a show of fairly good production values and the host, played by Tom Leahy, wrote all the scripts with elaborate dialogue almost worthy of a stage play. Since the show featured the early "Universal Shock Package" I pretty much grew up on the classics of horror, "Frankenstein" and the many sequels, Bela Lugosi's "Dracula", it was all wonderful material.



DAVE: What were your favorite films growing up?

GUNTHER: Bride of Frankenstein, Metropolis, and Creature from the Black Lagoon.

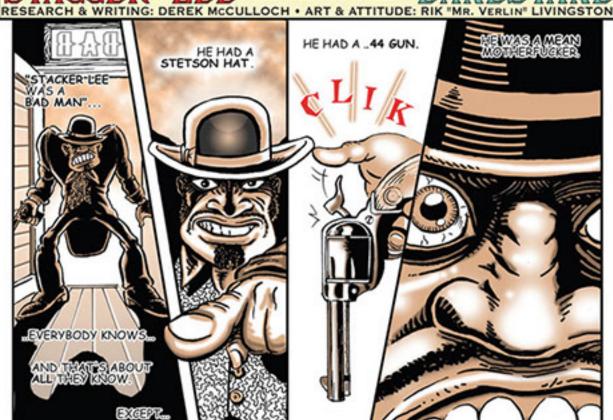
DAVE: Living in Kansas, you're a bit cut-off from the other hosts in terms of geography. What kind of horror network or activities exist in your area?

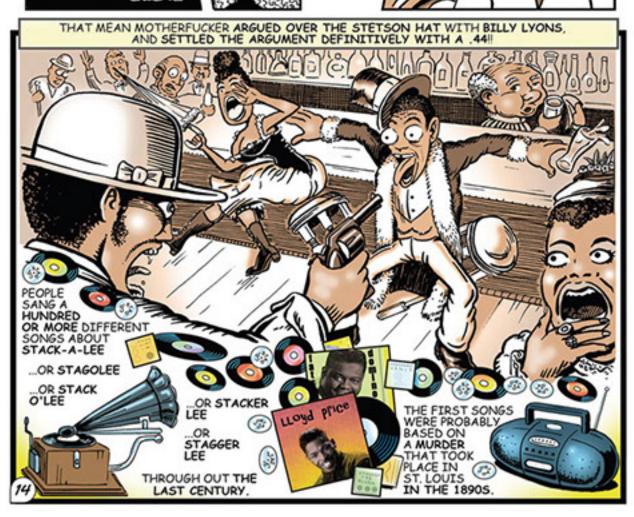
GUNTHER: There are a number of horror hosts in the state and cities around Lawrence, KS where I live such as Crematia Mortem, Evelle LeChat who lives in Arkansas but the producer of her show is from Lawrence so we team up for the local Halloween show on local TV. Since most of the hosts are centered in the large metro areas, it does make it harder to connect. I wish I could collaborate more directly with other hosts, or could travel to other host location to shoot shows with them. The internet has changed many things including the fact that geography is no longer an issue in connecting with horror hosts and those folks interested in this genre.

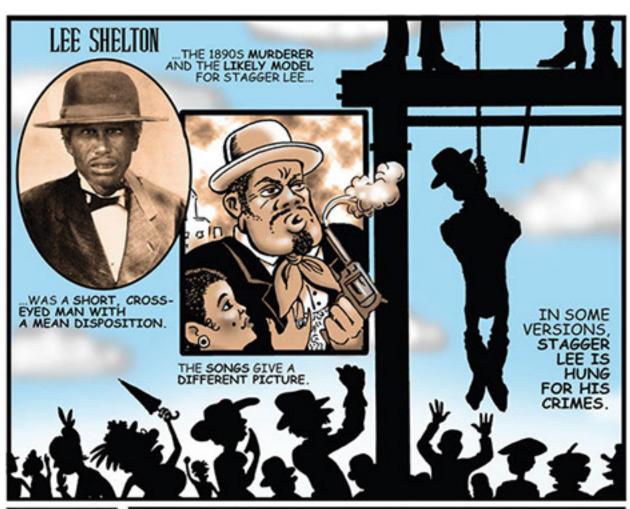
DAVE: Tell us about the Basement Sublet of Horror, What is the premise of the show?

GUNTHER: The Basement Sublet of Horror is based on my interest in vintage horror hosts especially "The Host and Rodney". Instead of your typical castle setting, the show takes place in the basement apartment in a 1950's Ranch style home. Gunther Demund has lives in the basement apartment and has resided there so long

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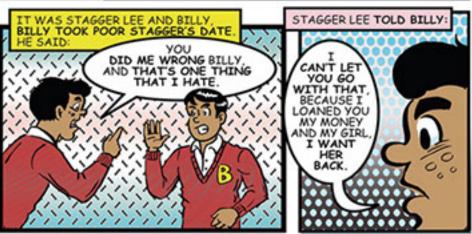




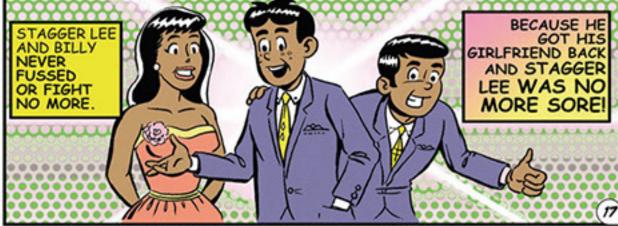
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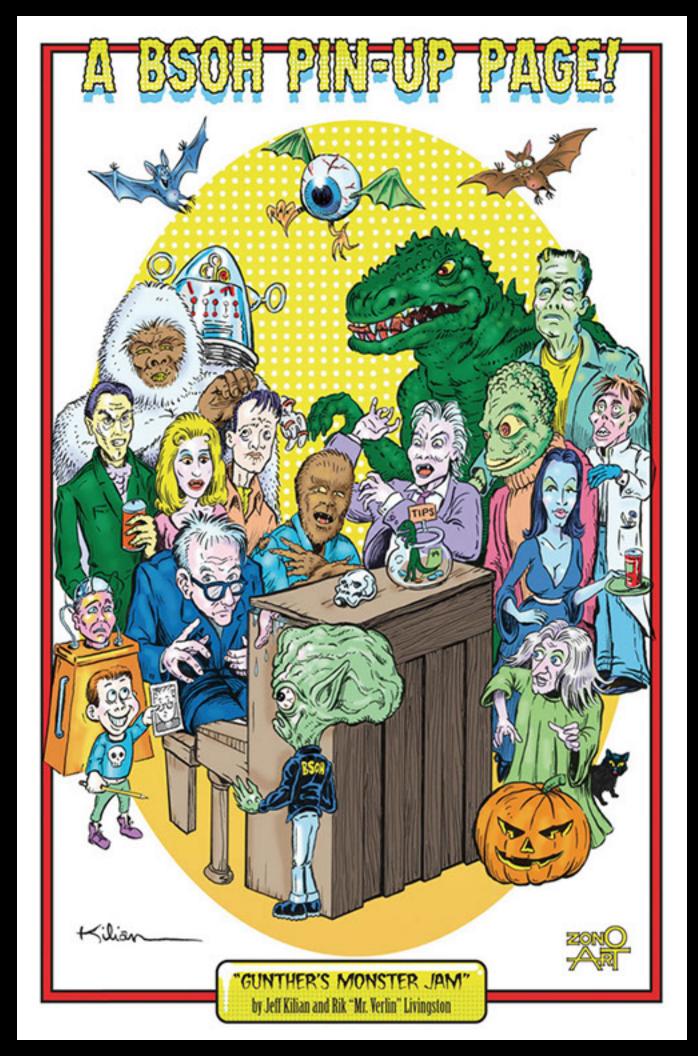








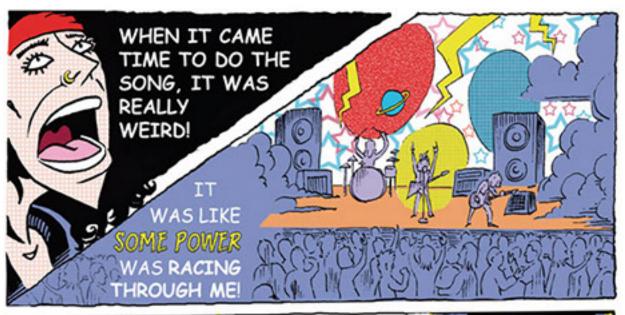




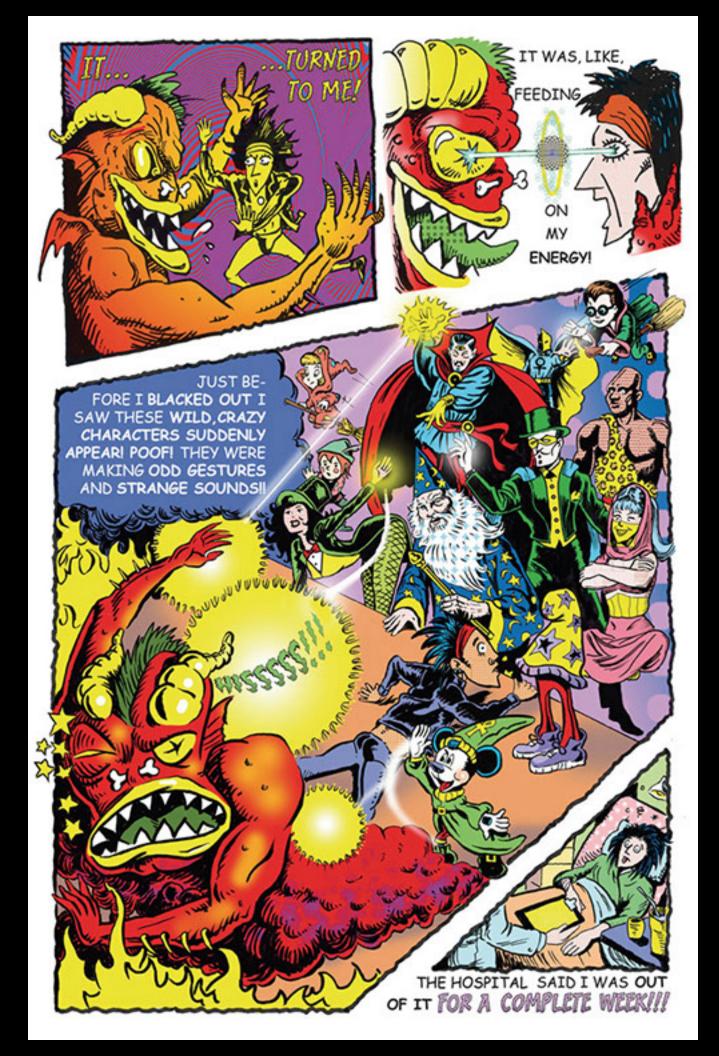
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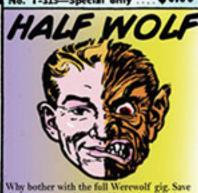
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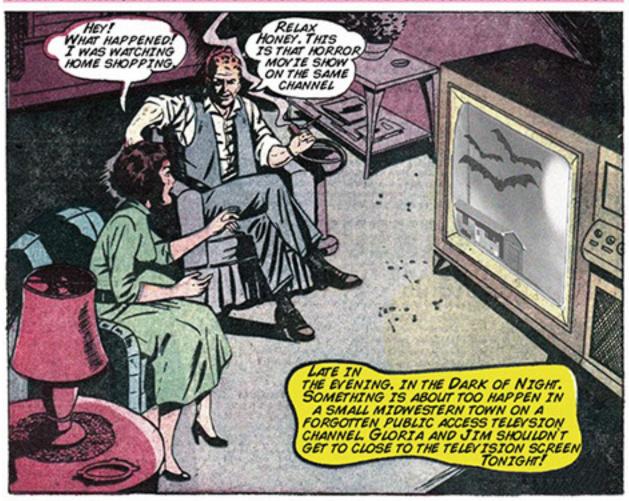


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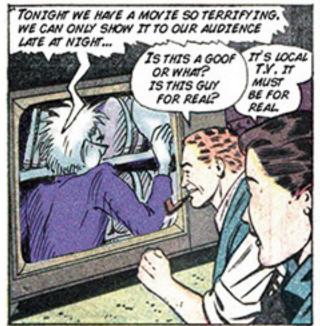
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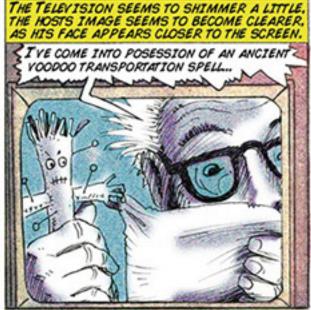














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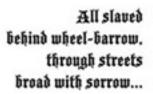






























Nine Questions with Gunther Dedmund!

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that his skin has turned white from lack of exposure to daylight. The basement is full of films from the 50's and 60's that Gunther shows twice a week on his public access TV show. Gunther, "the filmbutcher", also splices together movies to create his own versions of horror and sci-fi films for his show. In between movie segments, there are occasional appearances of neighbors, landlords, aliens, mind repair technicians, even musical guests. Gunther likes to think of his shows as a mix of education and entertainment.

DAVE: Has your show had any notable sidekicks or guest appearances?

GUNTHER: There are no sidekicks (yet) and the most notable guest appearance has been by Scott Phillips author of the "The Ice Harvest" among other notable titles, who plays Gunther's landlord. Other guests have included a telephone sales boss (Tim Manning) who forces Gunther into a sales position, Mr. Rule (Kc Stanton) who is the original grave digger who buried Gunther and insists on putting him back in his place, as well as other horror hosts Sigmund Zoid, Countess and Count Gregula, and author Michael Varatti via Gunther's remote viewing television system.







DAVE: After eleven years and 135 episodes, what direction do you see your show going as it heads into its second decade?

GUNTHER: Actually, I have produced 11 seasons in six years. I am productive in that I produce a lot of shows. Each season has roughly 12 -16 shows. The future of BSOH is going to include a broader thematic base and feature more obscure old films from my collection along with more variety of guests and musical performances.

DAVE: You also created a hilarious Horror Host collector card set. Tell us about that and how people can order their own.

GUNTHER: Who doesn't like collector cards? They are part documentation of the show, part marketing the show, part inside joke about collecting cards. The entire set is available to download for free from the Basement Sublet of Horror web site: www.basementsubletofhorror.com/freebies.

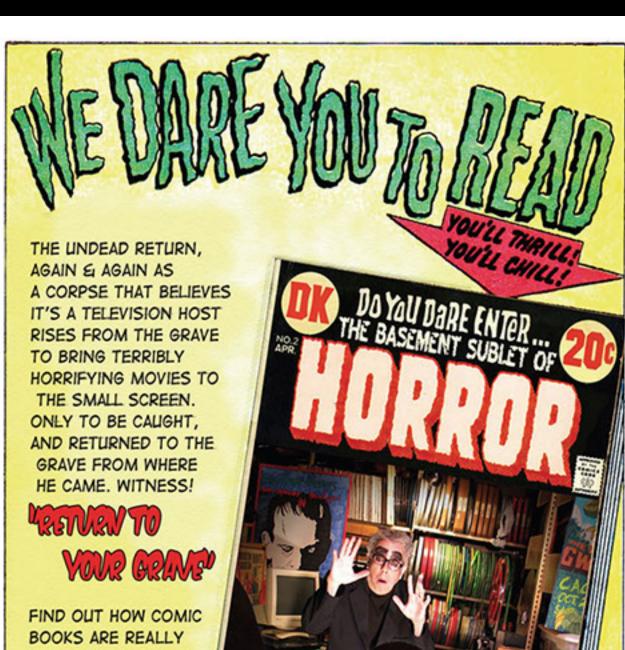






DAVE: We enjoyed meeting you at the last Horrorhound Weekend in Indianapolis 2011. What has it been like congregating with other hosts at these amazing events?

GUNTHER: It was great meeting both of the Daves as well and it was fun posing for the Scary Monsters horror host promo series. The horror host area of the convention has been kind of a mad house with so many people placed in one room together. One of my favorite experiences was meeting Cassandra Peterson, who said that I looked like the "illegitimate child of Andy Warhol and Bela Lugosi." I also had a lot of fun teaming up with Count Gregula, to interview celebrities and hosts. We recorded around four hours of footage during the 2011 Horror-hound event. However, nothing so far has come close to topping the Tribute to Vampira, that was one of the best horror host events ever staged.

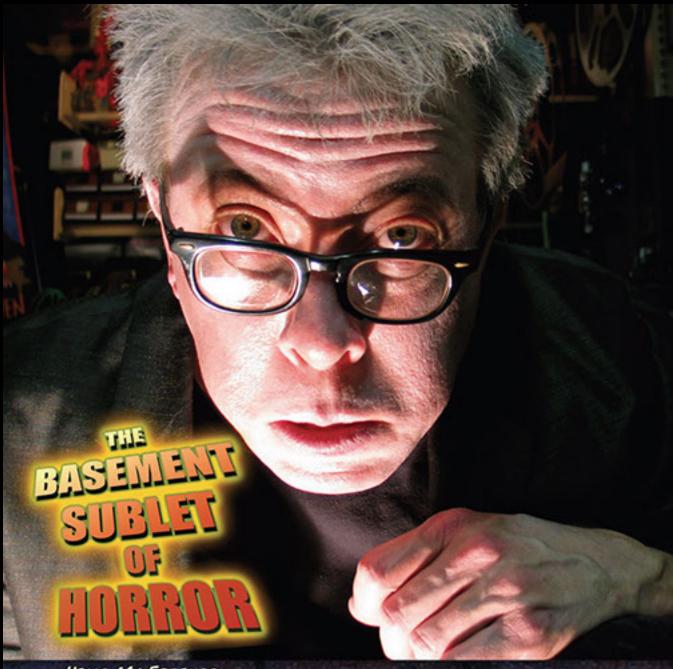


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